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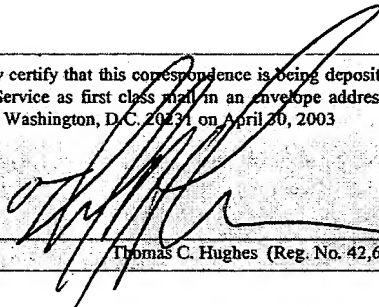
**WET PROCESSING USING A FLUID MENISCUS,  
APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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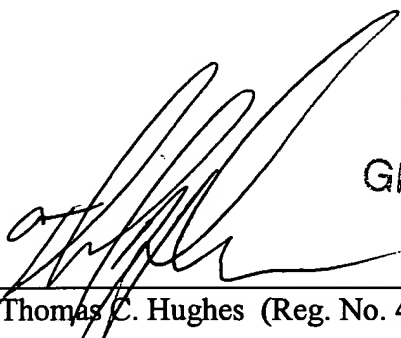
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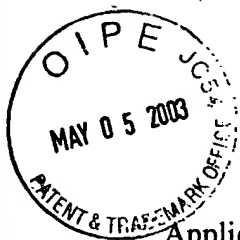
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121 AND**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.111**

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In response to the restriction requirement dated March 31, 2003, entry of the following amendment and election of species are respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 2-4, 10, 12, and 20-22 without prejudice as follows:

2. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 1, wherein the object is a substrate.

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3. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 1, wherein the object is held to the holding fixture using fluidic means.

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